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## Community Airport In N. Torrance Expands; Hangar Built, Wires Down

Torrance Community Airport, located at Prairie avenue and Redondo Beach blvd., is expanding into a Class A port for small aircraft, and the investment there already is well on the way to \$200,000, it was revealed this week.

Construction is being completed on the giant hangar there, at a cost of \$20,000. The hangar, capable of handling from 50 to 60 small planes, is 100 by 107 feet in size.

High power lines of the Southern California Edison Company on Prairie avenue, the east border of the airport, are being removed at a cost to the airport of between \$30,000 and \$50,000. The low voltage lines are being put underground and the high lines moved one-fourth mile east along 174th st., then north to 171st st. and back to Prairie avenue. It was necessary for the airport to purchase the right of way for the power line between 174th and 171st streets, it was said.

While the port already has grown into a busy one from the standpoint of student instruc-

## Bill Of Thomas To Pull Harbor From L.A. Hit

Legislative action that would pave the way for Wilmington and San Pedro to "divorce" themselves from Los Angeles will be hotly contested.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron made that plain after Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro proposed a bill in Sacramento that would allow voters of the communities to decide on secession.

The mayor said that many constitutional and legal conflicts would occur if Thomas' bill is adopted. He said that similar bills have previously been introduced, but "died" before they were voted upon by the legislature.

Thomas' proposal is that machinery be set up to allow voters in the harbor area to ballot on separating the harbor towns from the city of Los Angeles.

Under the present law the entire Los Angeles voting population must approve a withdrawal of annexed territory, it was stated.

tion, sales and rentals of aircraft, residents in the area still are hopeful of preventing its operation, it was said.

An appeal by E. W. Blackwood and others from the action of the planning commission in granting a zoning variance to permit the installation of an automobile service station on the airport property at Redondo Beach blvd. and Prairie ave., has been set for hearing on Jan. 28. Those protesting admit that the service station will have nothing to do with the airport; city officials said, and likewise that the airport is altogether legal. However, they seek to block its expansion in order to register their protest against what they consider a "nuisance."



R. A. KIRKPATRICK

## Kirkpatrick Will Address Rotary Club

R. A. Kirkpatrick, nationally known lecturer and representative of the Union Pacific Railroad, will speak before the Torrance Rotary Club January 16, it was announced here today by W. T. Price, traffic manager for the company in Los Angeles.

Subject of the lecture, which will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Woman's Clubhouse, is "Sun Valley and the Salmon River Country." A showing of natural color slides will accompany Mr. Kirkpatrick's talk.

An extensive traveler and writer of the west, Mr. Kirkpatrick has witnessed the development of midwestern agriculture, the spread of manufacturing westward, and the expansion of railroad systems across the nation.

For years Kirkpatrick was president of the National Americanism Congress. He was cited by the national commander of the American Legion for outstanding work in Americanism.

While in California, Kirkpatrick will also lecture at Pomona, Riverside, Pasadena, Los Angeles, San Diego, Ontario, Redlands, Loma Linda, Indio, Alhambra and Long Beach.

## Nazarene Church Must Redraw Edifice Plans

Plans for the new edifice of the Nazarene church must be altered, as a result of the ruling of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission.

Original plans called for use of the full two lots owned by the church facing on Carson st. at Denker ave. However, since the lots are not zoned for business, the church will be required to set back 15 feet from the west lot boundary. This will mean that a patio planned for meeting places and beauty of the grounds must be reduced from a width of 20 feet to 12 feet, it was said.

Residents in the area already have petitioned that both sides of Carson street, in the shoe-string strip area between West ern ave. and Normandie ave., be zoned for business, but the petition has not reached official attention of the planning body, it was pointed out.

The Rev. W. A. Penner said that his group probably will proceed with drawing of the new plans for the \$10,000 structure, setting back the required 15 feet. The old edifice will be moved to the rear of lot for use as an auditorium.

## Former Torrance High Faculty Member Dies

Faculty and former members of Torrance high school last week mourned the passing of an old friend, colleague and teacher, Mrs. Marjorie Cooke, the former Mrs. Marjorie Tracy Eischen, who for 20 years taught here.

Those who remember Mrs. Cooke will recall the many light opera presentations under her direction, which were conducted in the school auditorium. As early as 1928, Mrs. Cooke organized the Schumann Society which sponsored evening concerts here and later purchased the first orthophonic Victrola for the school.

The Torrance high school song was composed by this outstanding woman, who established the tradition of using the "Alma Mater" as an emblem of school spirit. She received her musical training at the University of California in Berkeley.

## Carpenter Named To Direct 11 U.S. Rubber Units

Fred S. Carpenter, long-time resident of Los Angeles, has been appointed director of manufacturing for the United States Rubber Export Company, Ltd., according to an announcement made here by L. C. Boos, president of the export company.

Carpenter's new position places him in charge of all foreign factory operations, including plants in South America, Mexico, Cuba, South Africa and elsewhere throughout the world. His headquarters will be in New York, the announcement stated.

During his years in Los Angeles Carpenter managed the United States Rubber Company's tire and synthetic rubber plants in the area. He came to this city in 1931 to supervise the purchase of the company's tire plant and on conclusion of the transaction remained as factory manager.

This position was followed by a transfer to New York, where he was made general manager of the tire division. He returned in 1944 to manage the company's synthetic rubber plant located in the Torrance area.

Just recently he returned from Sumatra and Malaya, where he had been a member of a survey party to inspect the company's plantations.

## EFFORT BEING MADE TO KEEP CHILD CARE CENTER OPEN

Every effort will be made to keep the Child Care centers at Torrance elementary school in operation, it was revealed this week.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has stated that he favors continued state aid for the centers, and his move to keep them open after March is being supported by interests in Torrance, Lomita and San Pedro.

They are operated partially with state funds, the working parents making up the balance necessary.

## H. A. Mason Given Promotion By G.P. Corporation

General Petroleum Corporation has announced the promotion of H. A. Mason to the position of assistant to the manager of laboratories, with headquarters in the home office of the company in Los Angeles.

Mason, who will complete his thirteenth year with the company next May, recently has been superintendent of the laboratories at General Petroleum's Torrance refinery.

## WILLIAMSON ASKS BUS STATION AT HIS RESTAURANT

An offer by R. D. Williamson to furnish a waiting room and rest rooms for a bus-depot on his property at 1311 Cabrillo ave., has been referred by the City Council to William Tolson, chairman of the transportation committee.

Williamson, who operates a drive-in restaurant on the property, cited the lack of a depot and pointed out the danger of passengers boarding and alighting from buses on the street.

The present Torrance station is located at the Beacon Drug Co., agent who has handled local business for the city since inception of the bus lines.

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## Dr. Lee W. Paul Assigned To Local Health Center

Dr. Lee W. Paul is to be in the Torrance health district as communicable disease physician assisting District Health Officer Dr. H. C. Smiley, according to an announcement made by Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer.

Dr. Paul was formerly with the Los Angeles city schools as school physician. He and Dr. Smiley were classmates, both attending the Denver College of Medicine.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul reside at 10601 Al Mayo Street, Los Angeles.

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